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SUBJECT: MOZAMBICAN ASYLUM SEEKER

REF: MBABANE 2223

1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM UNHCR REP THAT USG VIEWS ASYLUM AS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE REQUEST IS MADE. IT IS OUR POLICY NOT TO GRANT DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM AT ANY U.S. EMBASSY OR CONSULATE. ASYLUM IS GRANTED ONLY TO BONA FIDE REFUGEES WITHIN U.S. TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. USG INTEREST IN THESE CASES HAS BEEN LIMITED TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS OVER DETENTION OF THESE PERSONS BY GOVERNMENT OF SWAZILAND AND POSSIBILITY OF THEIR FORCIBLE
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REPATRIATION (REFOULEMENT) TO MOZAMBIQUE. SINCE UNHCR HAS APPROPRIATELY INTERVENED ON THEIR BEHALF TO PREVENT SUCH REFOULEMENT, THAT ISSUE APPEARS TO BE RESOLVED.

2. THE RATHER SKETCHY BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOES NOT DISTINGUISH THESE CASES TO BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE U.S. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT UNHCR REP SHOULD VIGOROUSLY PUR-

SUE RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM IN BRAZIL, PORTUGAL, SWAZILAND OR NEARBY COUNTRIES. WE, THEREFORE, UNWILLING TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THEIR REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION INTO U.S. AS REFUGEES. WE HAVE SO INFORMED UNHCR IN NEW

YORK ORALLY IN REPLY TO THEIR QUESTION. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF THESE CASES. CHRISTOPHER

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